

Chairman's Chat

Chairwoman, M.J. Bolt,
SCRCC Chair/CEO

This Issue: National Sovereignty, Immigration and Defense - We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.

Next Issue: Individual Rights - We believe individual human rights come from our Creator, not the government. We recognize the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from conception to natural death. We believe in free speech, thought, worship and dissent without fear of government interference or penalty.



Thank you Spokane County and especially to the approximately 43% who voted as well as many of you who supported our candidates by doorbelling, phone calling, writing letters to newspapers and making financial contributions. We had important wins, especially in many school board races. And we are sowing the seeds today that will help us be more victorious tomorrow!

Congratulations to all of our Recommended Candidates that were able to finish strong in 2023. 54% were victorious. Recognizing that we did not win ALL of the races we had hoped to win, especially in the City of Spokane and Spokane Valley, we are reflecting as an organization on how we can improve.

We were well organized and will continue to work on making our processes better and learning from the past, as well as celebrating the successes we experienced.

We started a brand-new candidate vetting and recommendation process this year and started laying the ground for more victories in the future. Many of you saw our eye-catching Sample Ballot that was sent to thousands of voters and promoted our Recommended Candidates. We got great feedback from all of you. I sent it via text to several of my friends and colleagues, and many of them responded with a "Thank You!" This is just the beginning of what we know will be a well utilized resource in the years to come. We will continue to hone in on making our recruiting and vetting processes better, as well as creating more successful ways to market these candidates and promote voting for our conservative values. **Will you help us?**

As we look forward to 2024, we are working on promoting the 2024 Spokane Republican Caucuses (January 13) to help grow our Republican base to elect delegates to the Spokane County Republican Convention on February 10, and the Washington State Republican Convention, held here in Spokane in April! By growing and engaging our base through these events, we will sow the seeds to help us win in 2024! **Will you join us?**

2024 will bring important elections that will greatly impact our futures, as well as generations to come, as we look to elect more local leaders, important state leaders, including a new governor, judges and the all-important federal elections including for President. Just looking at our own pocket books is an important reminder of just how critical each one of these elections is. **Will you partner with us?**

We cannot do this alone. We need YOUR involvement. Will you consider making a one-time donation today of \$100, \$200, or \$500 to help us sow these seeds for a more victorious (and conservative) future! Or, make a monthly-recurring donation that will help us have that consistent donation that we can count on? Even \$25 helps us grow our efforts. Every gift is impactful! ALSO Sign up to help volunteer. We have lots of work to do and we cannot do it without you! **Help us WIN more in 2024.**

Go to SpokaneGOP.com and click on Donate and Volunteer Today!

And remember to visit us on FACEBOOK. Facebook.com/SpokaneGOP

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY?

The subject of illegal immigration is and has been volatile and unresolved for far too long. Does anyone really have the last count on illegal aliens illegally crossing our borders? Millions? We do not have a clue as to who is in our country. Rhetorically, how difficult *is it* to secure our borders? It's not. It's not difficult at all, it's simple. The guiding motives of those who encourage illegal immigration are the ones gumming up the works by ignoring the consequences of it. Why do [some] lawmakers on both sides of the political spectrum support illegal immigration? Again, rhetorical. Right right right, we all know about the imminent illegal voting opportunities, cheap labor and more notably, the nefarious plan to hurt our country by overrunning it with unlawful immigrants as fast as possible. But there is another, more "palpable" reason being pushed. The *"What would Jesus do?"* mantra.

We *should* be more Jesus-like. We should take care of those who cannot take care of themselves (tongue in cheek). We should shelter and clothe strangers.

Hebrews 13:2;² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares; **Matthew 25:35;**³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...;

Leviticus 19:33-34 ;³³ "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.
³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Honestly, some people do need more help but in order to justify illegal immigration, lawmakers lie to us and to themselves by quoting the aforementioned scriptures while circumventing one very important one. Behold:

Romans 13: 1-7. *"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established... Whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted".*

Our founding fathers separated from a monarchic government, emigrated from Britain and immigrated into a land of Native Americans. The Englishmen persevered and formed and founded a new government under **Judeo Christian** principles (Judaism and Christianity). What came with our new government was a set of documents based on our fundamental principles. We outlined progress and designed civilized laws for a growing population of multi-minded people because a nation without laws is a nation in chaos. We follow the laws of the land that were generated and influenced by our Christian Faith over 200

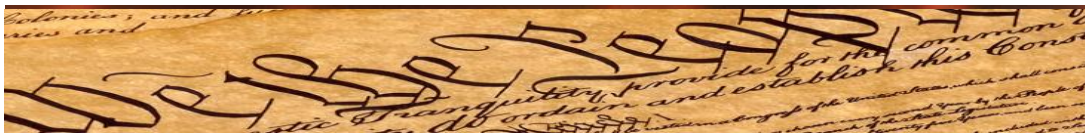
years ago.

*Article 1, § 8, clause 4, In addition to conferring Congress with power to determine when foreign nationals may obtain U.S. citizenship, the Naturalization Clause is sometimes viewed as contributing to Congress's power over immigration, including its power to set rules for when aliens may enter or remain in the United States.*⁹

As we developed and divided however, Democrats have become the quintessential walking talking hypocritical party of the era. They favor more governmental control by way of laws but at the same time instigate illegals to break them. For the activists who claim to be Jesus-like, it is even more unbelievable when their activism stops at their own door step. FYI, massive ILLEGAL immigration puts a strain on our resources. We've already expressed and proven that theory. Remember Martha's Vineyard? Hear about the "Sanctuary" cities/states changing their tune? Activists' support suddenly stops when vile illegal immigrants are pooping on their lawns, killing their family members and raping their daughters. Yeah – love thy neighbor...?

Let's love our neighbor. Let's start with our own next-door neighbor. Let's require decency and law-abiding fellow Americans. Then, let's welcome the immigrants who are willing to adhere to the laws of our land. This would be in standing with Jesus' testament.

GOD still loves you.



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Any country has the right and obligation to determine, as voted upon by its citizens, the laws by which it will function. For reasons I don't understand, humans are tribal and territorial creatures. Throughout the history of the world, humans have grouped with others and formed cultures. I expect that all started based on family associations but has grown to include expanded cultural groups, religious affiliations, lingual differences, bloodlines and territorial boundaries. As witnessed throughout history, many of the wars that have been fought are over some of the dumbest things —Aryan "superiority", religious wars, trumped-up offenses and most often straight up greed and territorial ambition. Borders have helped us to establish some sense of order and self-governance.

If history has taught us anything, it is that humans do not function well with chaos. We need to create order so that we might progress, learn, grow, create and produce. We have therefore organized ourselves into nations with borders and created laws under which we choose to function (at least us lucky ones that don't live under dictatorial oppression). It seems utterly ridiculous to have to say this out loud, but every nation on this planet has laws about immigration.

Apparently the only nation on earth that you can walk into illegally at present, without consequence, is America. This is stupid, foolish and dangerous beyond words.

It is astonishing to see the change from Trump's wildly successful Stay in Mexico policy, to where we are now under this train-wreck of a President. There are estimates that as many 7 million illegal immigrants have invaded our country under Biden's disastrous policy changes. While they straight-faced lie to us that the border is closed, we are collapsing under the weight of their stupidity. We don't know who is here, where they are, why they are here and have no control over immigration. The danger to our sovereignty, the rule of law, our physical health and safety to our citizens is clear and present. In light of this new war in the Middle East, these dangers become ever more perilous. The Republican Party supports and encourages legal immigration. It is well past time that we voters insist upon the rule of law again in our country, but particularly on immigration. Voters, across party lines, overwhelmingly support this. How wonderful it would be if voters would require this of our representatives, if they would grow a collective spine and we would secure our borders once and for all.

WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

Terms began - December 1, 2022.

If you do not know your Precinct number, you can find it at:

<https://voter.votewa.gov/>
Submit your name and birthday & click registration link to get your precinct number.

PCOs are such important connections between the people and the candidates. Please let us know if you do not have a PCO in your precinct.

<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

Would you consider volunteering?

CANDIDATE NEWS:

Congratulations to our candidates who prevailed on November 7th. To those who did not, DO NOT GET DISCOURAGED. KEEP YOUR NAME OUT FRONT AND RETURN TO THE PLAYING FIELD. WE STILL NEED YOU!

Visit [recommended candidates](#) for Spokane GOP endorsements. Click [here](#) for election results.

Excerpt from a column telling the stories of young women seeking to bring a non-citizen husband into the US legally. Nothing has changed and the system is still broken. The full column includes the story of Susan Wilmoth, former Spokane County State Committeewoman, whose former husband was also a legal immigrant. For the complete column, originally published July 12, 2019: <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2019/jul/12/sue-lani-madsen-if-illegal-immigration-is-in-crisi/>

Sue Lani Madsen: If illegal immigration is in crisis, legal immigration is chronically ill. First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes immigration – maybe. If illegal immigration is in crisis, legal immigration is chronically ill. Entering the U.S. legally isn't easy, not even with an American spouse.

The Olesons met while Lau was an exchange student at Davenport High School. Lau proposed in 2013, and the young couple started the Visa K application process. It allows an alien fiancé to enter the U.S. with the intent to marry within 90 days. It is not a fast track to legal Green Card status.

U.S. Immigration wanted the story of how they met, a scrapbook of photos and receipts proving they had been involved in each other's lives, background on parents and grandparents, and proof of financial sponsorship lest Lau become a public burden. Two pastors wrote letters of support saying they would be financially responsible if necessary. It was expensive. "Every time we sent paperwork in, there was a fee for the paperwork and another fee for filing," Brianna said.

Lau had to return to Denmark to wait, then travel to Sweden for an interview. He was required to pass a medical exam and be vaccinated to American standards. Brianna estimates it was 150 pages of paperwork and \$3,500 in fees plus out-of-pocket expenses just to get to the wedding in August 2015. Oleson said she is frustrated with those who don't do it legally but can understand. "It's so expensive, and the system is not set up to be comprehensible. Shouldn't have to hire a lawyer and all of these crazy extras to have your family together." He finally received his permanent and renewable Green Card this year.

In every case of legal immigration, somebody has to step up with an affidavit of support. New Green Card holders are barred from applying for any kind of government benefits or entitlements for 10 years. "Seeing people coming across the border getting free housing, free food, free medical care is frustrating to those of us who signed up to take responsibility for anything in any circumstances," said Susan Wilmoth. Like Oleson, Wilmoth is sympathetic and irked at the same time.

Comprehensive immigration reform needs to remove the barriers to the legal route. They are a wall as assuredly as any physical barrier along the southern border and an incentive to play games with the refugee and asylum process.

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FROM OUR WSRP CHAIR, JIM WALSH. Please sign these 6 initiatives. Deadline: mid-December. For more information and signing locations, visit <https://letsgowashington.com/>, or email Jerry Reinbolt, jreinbolt777@gmail.com. You can also visit [Facebook.com/SpokaneGOP](https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneGOP).

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVLLvWENFYw&list=PLXuqqUtFEHfSwUSWCEC7jQMxakJqbEyi2&index=9&t=20s>

2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election

*Primary election - August 6, 2024

*General election - November 5, 2024.

Are you satisfied with the direction of this state?

Are you content with paying extra taxes when fueling up, buying wine for Thanksgiving or simply earning a paycheck? Are you happy that your small children are learning about provocative [straight or gay] sex acts in their schools? Are you relieved every time a climate change zealot with Washington State Energy Code invents another reason why you cannot use cheap heating for your home? Do you support the destruction of women's sports through trans-inclusion? If we do not vote against these radical leftist policies – and make no mistake; they are radical leftist policies - then we deserve the government we get and we risk leaving our children with little hope for their [free] future.

We do not deserve a restrictive government but we are not voting like we are in fear of losing our freedoms and morality. 43% voter turn-out is not going to win us the gubernatorial next year. Food for thought. Let's go.

WHY **VOTE?** BECAUSE THEY DO!

43% VOTER TURN-OUT FOR NOVEMBER 7 2023. IT'S AN IMPROVEMENT BUT WE CAN DO BETTER.

SAVE the GOP calendar

<https://www.spokanegop.com/calendar>

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

Board meeting

Saturday, 13 January 2024

Precinct Caucuses for all Republicans

Saturday, 10 February 2024

Spokane County Convention

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Presidential Primary

April 19 - April 21, 2024

WA State Republican Convention

July 15 - July 18, 2024

Republican National Convention

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WATCH FOR UPDATES IN WASHINGTON:

2019-20 HB1087 - Long-term care tax and services.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/payroll-tax-for-wa-cares-has-begun-but-meetings-continue-on-program-details>

Additional Information:

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-health-care>
or <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-worker-rights>.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/new-state-run-program-will-not-fix-long-term-care-crisis-nor-should-it-offer-peace-of-mind-to-workers-forced-to-fund-it>.

INITIATIVE I-2081 Parental Rights Initiative.

Sign NOW through mid-December. We did not gather enough signatures to vote on a ballot measure overturning (2023) SB 5599 which furthers division between parent and child. Please sign Initiative I-2081 regarding parental notification by public schools.

Hiring Signature gathers. For more policy issues and petitions, go to

<https://letsgowashington.com/>.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Washington Legislators meet again on the 8th of JANUARY 2024. Keep track of "Good", "Bad" and the "Ugly" bills in the legislature: **WSRP Olympia Watch**, <https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/>. Watch the progress of the bills. Contact your legislators to voice your support or opposition. Your input is critical. Find bills at <http://leg.wa.gov>. Add the bill number to get the text, summary, when a public hearing will occur and videos of hearings. When a bill has passed out of one chamber, you can also see who voted "yea" and "nay" by clicking on View Roll Call.

Ponderosa Republican Women, PRW

<http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

House Republicans

<https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/>

Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. If interested in helping with the Communications Committee or submitting work, you **MUST** meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for more information at terrizalevits@gmail.com.